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The following are some of the small weapons now in use by the Polish Army:

Pistols (type TT - Tetetka), 7.62 mm. using a clip of about nine rounds.

IPS (Light Russian IG), 7.62 mm., firing 31 rounds without reloading.

PPSZ (Pepesza) Automatic Soviet weapon with a magazine for 72 rounds. Theoretically good for 100 rounds per minute, the weapon in actual practice only fires about 140 rounds at short intervals. Prolonged use causes overheating. Note: PPS and PPSZ magazines are interchangeable.

Carbines: (Krotki karabin bojowy), about 130 cm. long, this weapon is made in several types, some with fixed bayonets and others with removable bayonets. The weapon uses 7.62 ammunition in clips of five rounds each.

HB (Karabin bojowy), about 160 cm. long, with removable bayonet.

Sznajper, a long range sharpshooting rifle, 7.62 mm.

RK1 (Ręczny karabin maszynowy), 7.62 mm. This weapon, which is equipped with a flat magazine (46 rounds) superimposed on a carbine supported by a tripod, can theoretically fire 800 rounds per minute.

CKM (Czeski karabin maszynowy), 7.62 mm. (sic). The gun is mounted on wooden wheels with steel rims. It is a heavy and impractical weapon, which may be disassembled into two parts which two men can carry. The gun has a metal shield 6 cm. thick.

Eron Przeciw Pancerna, a 20 mm., single-load anti-tank weapon. This is a high velocity weapon. Some of the later models take clips with about five rounds.

RG-42, a defensive, fragmentation type weapon weighing about 700 grams. It has the most effect within a 100 m. radius.

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F-2 grenade, used for shock purposes. It is most effective up to five meters. The grenade weighs about 400 grams.

Anti-tank grenades of various types, each type having a different purpose and each weighing about 1.2 kilograms.

Soviet-type grenades.

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